

THE ENTERTAINMENT CAREER CONNECTION, INC.

Corporate, Film Connection, Radio Connection and the Recording Connection

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Who is the Entertainment Career Connection?

A: The Entertainment Connection provides mentor apprentice programs for the film, radio, television and the music recording industries successfully placing graduates into their dream careers in the U.S. and Canada. The Entertainment Connection provides mentor apprentice programs for the entertainment arts including the [film](#), [radio](#), [television and music recording](#) industries.

Q: Are the Entertainment Career Connection classes accredited?

A: The Entertainment Connection is a fully accredited academic institution certified by the National Private Schools Accreditation Alliance (NPSAA.) There are film, recording and [radio school alternative](#) mentor programs in more than 100 U.S. cities in all fifty states. Entertainment Connection has been working with the radio, music recording, film and television industries for over 23 years, providing them with apprentices and entry level employees. The Better Internet Bureau has designated Entertainment Connection as a certified quality website and the company is also a member of iCop™ who sets the industry standard for online business.

Q: What is a mentor teacher?

A: Entertainment Connection students learn from successful mentors, or teachers, who teach in real world situations including active recording studio sessions, on real film sets and at actual on air radio stations as opposed to simulated classrooms.

Q: How long does it take to complete one of the Entertainment Career Connection programs?

A: The Entertainment Connection's film, radio or [recording school alternative](#) programs can be completed in approximately half the time of degrees obtained from other schools. The average course length is 5 to 7 months, depending upon the schedule.

Q: How often are most Entertainment Career Connection classes?

A: As opposed to specific semesters, Entertainment Connection students can start any time and can take classes part time during night or weekend sessions, or even train around a current job.

Q: How many students are in a class?

A: Usually it is just the student and his or her mentor. In some markets classes could be as large as three students to one instructor.

Q: Does the Entertainment Career Connection provide financial aid packages?

A: Yes, the company offers Sallie Mae financial aid, the nation's leading provider of student loans, and other funding choices. Sallie Mae covers the entire tuition cost and loans up to 60 percent additional funds for living expenses and/or equipment purchases. Students 18 plus years of age with good credit may qualify for a zero down, low interest loan, starting at Prime Rate + 0%, and take up to 15 years to pay it back.

Q: Do students require any experience to be accepted?

A: No prior radio experience is required.

Q: Does the Entertainment Career Connection help with job placements?

A: Yes. From day one a full time job placement coordinator works to try and find students work.

Q: Does the Entertainment Career Connection guarantee jobs after graduation?

A: Job placements are typically high for Entertainment Connection graduates with more than 72 percent placement of its graduates in industry jobs.

Q: How flexible is the scheduling in case a student has a job or other commitments?

A: The course scheduling is very flexible and Entertainment Career Connection will try to work around anyone's full or part time job schedule. Class is also available nights and weekends.

Q: What are some reasons a student might not be accepted into Entertainment Career Connection?

A: The company bases its decision to accept, or not accept students, based solely on what it perceives their work ethics, drive, and motivation to be. Nothing else.

Q: What kind of course materials and/or software do students need/have to buy?

A: None. Everything a student needs is included in the cost of the classes. Entertainment Career Connection will either buy or provide students with all necessary course materials and software.

Q: If a student has to move, can they transfer to a different mentor in my new city?

A: Yes. The Entertainment Career Connection will transfer a moving student as long as they have not completed more than 15 assignments.

Q: What professional industry organizations does Entertainment Career Connection belong to?

A: Entertainment Connection is an associate member of the National Broadcasters Association (NAB), The American Federation of Radio and Television Artists (AFTRA), and the Society for Professional Audio Recording Services (SPARS), National Broadcasters Association (NAB), The American Federation of Radio and Television Artists (AFTRA), and the Society for Professional Audio Recording Services (SPARS).

Q: How long has the Entertainment Career Connection been in business?

A: 25 years and counting.

Q: How much do the Entertainment Career Connection courses cost?

A: Whereas traditional film schools cost from \$20,000 to \$140,000, the Entertainment Career Connection film program costs from \$4,450 to \$7,450.

Q: How do students apply to Entertainment Career Connection classes?

A: Students may apply online by using the form on the website, or they may call admissions.

Q: Does the Entertainment Career Connection have a payment program?

A: Yes, there are several ways to pay. The best offer option totals \$6,450 for payment in full. A one-year payment plan requires a down payment of \$2,500 and 12 monthly payments of \$465 per month totaling \$8,080 and including finance charges of 12.5% per annum. Two year payment plan tuition is payable via a down payment of \$2,500 and 12 monthly payments of \$250 followed by another 12 monthly payments of \$306, totaling \$9,172 with finance charges at 21.5% per annum.

Q: Does the Entertainment Career Connection take credit cards?

A: Yes, the company accepts most major credit cards.

Q: Do students need to be a U.S. citizen to apply for the Entertainment Career Connection courses?

A: No students do not need to be a U.S. citizen. However, students do have to be 18 years of age or have their parents' approval if they are 17 years old.

Film Connection

Q: What makes the Film Connection different from other film schools?

A: The Film Connection is a [film school alternative](#) program that prepares students one-on-one via a mentor where students learn from an industry professional in an actual film production company or on a real film set.

Q: Do students need to already have film experience to take the Film Connection course?

A: No, Film Connection courses are designed specifically for individuals with little or no filmmaking experience.

Q: How much is tuition to the Film Connection?

A: Depending upon the course chosen, Film Connection's tuition is between \$6,950.00 and \$8,950.00. However, if a student can pay the full tuition up front, the cost of tuition will be discounted to \$6,450.00

Q: How long does the course take?

A: The average film school course length is four to six months, depending upon a student's schedule.

Q: Where is the campus?

A: The Film Connection campus is at a real film set or film or video production facility located within 60 or 90 minutes from the student's home.

Q: How does the Film Connection compare with traditional film schools?

A: Very well. Unlike other film schools, the Entertainment Connection teachers are real working professionals, currently working in the film or video business. They are professionals that make their living from the film or video business now, today, even as they are instructing and mentoring students.

Radio Connection

Q: What jobs do students in the Radio Connection Broadcasting program train for?

A: Students learn to become a radio broadcaster, program director, voice-over artist, or promotions director once they have attended the Radio Connection course. The [Radio Connection](#) students learn from inside the exciting world of radio from an on-air personality or program director in their own city.

Q: How much is tuition for the Radio Connection?

A: Regardless of the course, Radio Connection's tuition is \$5,450.00 or a \$1,000.00 discount when paid in full.

Q: How does Radio Connection compare with other radio schools?

A: Very well--unlike other radio broadcast schools, Radio Connection teachers are real working professionals and on air talents, currently working in the radio business. They are professionals that are currently making their living from radio, today, even as they are instructing and mentoring students.

Q: Where is the Radio Connection campus?

A: The campus is a real, on-air radio station located within 60 or 90 minutes from your home.

Recording Connection

Q: What do students learn in the Recording Connection program?

A: The [Recording Connection](#) provides students with the fundamentals for a position in the audio recording field. Students apprentice in a real radio station, sitting in on top music artist's recording sessions learning microphone placement, running the audio board, interacting with talent, and creating the final mix.

Q: How much is the tuition for the Recording Connection school?

A: Regardless of the course a student chooses, Recording Connection's tuition is \$7,450.00. There is a \$1,000.00 discount for those who pay in full.

Q: How long does the Recording Connection course take?

A: The average course length is four to six months, depending upon your schedule.

Q: Where is the campus for the Recording Connection?

A: The campus is a real recording studio or production facility located within 60 or 90 minutes from a student's home.

Q: How does the Recording Connection program compare with other recording schools?

A: Very well--unlike other recording schools, our teachers are real working professionals and studio owners, currently working in the music business. They are professionals that make their living from the music and recording business now, and today, even as they are instructing and mentoring students.

About the Entertainment Career Connection

Founded in 1984, the Entertainment Career Connection, Inc., a fully accredited academic institution certified by the National Private Schools Accreditation Alliance, provides mentor apprentice programs for the film, radio, television and the music recording industries in more than 100 U.S. cities in all 50 states. The schools provide the entertainment industry with graduate apprentices and entry level employees. The Entertainment Connection offers a complete financial aid package from Sallie Mae the nation's leading provider of student loans, and other financial aid programs.

Students learn from successful mentors in real world situations including active recording studio sessions, on real film sets and at actual on air radio stations. The company is headquartered at Hollywood and Vine, by the historic Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, California. Visit www.film-connection.com, www.radioconnection.com or www.recordingconnection.com.

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